

The Argentine War.

To-morrow is the eventful day which is to decide whether we must have peace or war. Altho' it would seem better, there is an increased expectation of war visible in the money market, and coffee-houses. *Quidam* discuss both possibilities in such a manner as to leave the matter quite clear that we shall not have either, but both.

Leaving the fields of airy speculation, we may be assured that the question of a monthly subsidy is the real bone of contention. National pride is a nice phrase and sounds well, but the silver ring of 100,000 patacons paid monthly into the Argentine treasury must particularly offend the *tympanum* of Porteno sensibility. Byron has said "kill a man's wife and children, he may brook it; but keep your hand out of his breeches pocket." Sr. Riestra will therefore have some difficulty in arranging with Molinas, when he set out to meet, last evening. Still the renewal of these tele-tele interviews goes to prove that peace is desired on each side, and if it be true that the foreign ministers have written to their governments for permission to guarantee the compact, we have the assurance of a lasting arrangement. No doubt the friends of the Cathedral intended for President Joseph embracing his brothers would be now out of place, yet it is possible Buenos Ayres shall thrive just as well without the adage "union is strength." Political philosophy in these climes must often be at fault, and we are ready to believe that the onward march of this country depends on peace, whether with or without constitution, congress, &c.

The incorporation of Balgorrea with our troops can scarcely turn the balance either way, altho' his force exceeds 800 men, for, in case of a battle, the day shall be decided not by numerical odds, but by the conduct of the troops in action. Neither can we suppose that the pacific tone of the Argentine press is a consequence of this officer's defection. The reason alleged by Urquiza's enemies for advocating peace is the danger involved to the life of him, whom they identify as the bulwark of the Republic; but it is probable that the retired veteran seeing himself provoked to a war that can little better his prospects, has backed out, not from fear, but policy. This is the secret of his readiness to negotiate, and makes us hope for peace. Both generals expect their soldiers to do wonders; let us then take it for granted that both armies are composed of "crack" regiments, and postpone the fight, whether sham or otherwise, *in die.* Juan Sta is now a General; the dignity is cheap in South America, yet the choice in this case is likely to offend many who glory in the same tinsel decoration. Post-master-general, Attorney general, Inspector-general and even Consul-general are generals more after our heart than any heroes of the pampas. Urquiza has by this time received the armament purchased in Montevideo; but Mitre's troops are still better equipped. The former has moved his troops on to Saladas about 4 leagues from Rosario, and Ros's division is some 30 leagues distant. Meanwhile, our battalions are speedily concentrating on Rojas, and it is surprising to learn that we have 16 or 18,000 men in the field, while a good number remains in town to perform garrison duty. A good bounty has prevailed the Porteno ranks with some disgraced fugitives, and the *Panama Congress* has been quite inquisitorial speculators, and would much prefer Blondia on his ti-

gh-rope, to the most dexterous jugglers or f-eaters. Political manoeuvres in most cabinets are a polite system of thimble-rigging incomprehensible to the untutored, and few of us have come to Buenos Ayres with the view of turning *chupardines* or *pandilleros*. Leave us then in peace to mind our business, and we care little which side be uppermost, or how the pieces stand on the chess-board.

The envoys of Buenos Ayres, Messrs. Pico and Marmol have returned from Montevideo and Rio Janeiro. If their mission was to ensure neutrality, they have it seems succeeded in their embassy.

From the interior provinces there is no news, except Alcora's expedition to Santiago; this gentleman on passing the frontier had sent a despatch to Cordoba, stating that he had re-assumed the command of his province, but it is almost certain that Taboada will dispute his title. The ex-governor Peña of Cordoba, who suffered abuse from both sides, has retired, like Cincinnati, to cultivate his quinta at Sta. Catalina. In San Juan they were still digging for gold; but like the expectation of war here, a doubtful result is the only thing in view.

The Union Jack.

It is a fine thing to be an Englishman! and British subjects of whatever clime or creed must indeed be rebellious and ungrateful if their heart does not swell within them at the sight of a Union Jack. If all men are justly proud of their native land, they have certainly a double right, whose flag floats in every sea, and on whose dominions the sun never sets. No wonder if all men wished to be called Britons; yet, strange to say, some fifteen millions of Irishmen, spread over the earth's surface, indignantly reject the name of Englishman, and disavow the honor attached to that flag under which they have been born. This however is neither the effect of a bigoted antipathy nor an unnatural rebellion. Ireland is a conquered country, in which our masters have little strived to conciliate the unquieshed, or soften the rigors of their slavery. Englishmen continue to regard the sister island as a dependency, and would as soon think of putting the "wild Irish" on an equality with themselves as of admitting the Hindus into Parliament. Ireland is not for the Irish. Her people must be rooted out; her energies developed on a foreign soil; her genius is destined to shine in banishment; her tongue to be forgotten and her very name blotted from the map of nations.

It will be said sixty years of union have healed national sores, and Irishmen may sit down beneath the shadow of English greatness, and hold one common symbol of glorious brotherhood. Yet no! the Union Jack has wafted an exile nation over the depths of the Atlantic, and though Irish valor has fought and conquered in its wake, no other memories are associated with it at home, than the fash of a crowbar brigade, or the taunts of English supremacy.

Irishmen may be thankful that they enjoy liberty of worship a free press, and the rights of citizens, but they must never aspire to an individual nationality. They may sing the praises of their illustrious countrymen, who have served Great Britain, but claim no part of that greatness to which they contributed. They may plant the English flag on glory's topmost pinnacle, yet never aspire to see the Harp of Erin quartered, with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew.

How incontinent then of our countrymen here to throw themselves on English protection. Let them ask the to-

nans of Partry what refuge they found in English laws; or consult our brethren in the United States on the blessings of Legislative Union. It would spare the worthy gentleman who represents H. B. Majesty, much useless trouble if Irishmen, in Buenos Ayres, put the same faith in his paternal care as we do. And if even they were Englishmen, many of them expect too much. Is it likely he can or will, declare war against this city, or send out troops to defend Irish flocks, when he refuses a protection to an Irishman who had the certificate of one of our clergyman that he was a British subject. Let not our Irish friends deceive themselves; their safety lies in the respect that both of the hostile parties bear to the English community with which they identify us, but not in red-tape or the affectionate regard of a British step-mother.

British Clerks Provident Society.

Englishmen are universally celebrated for active persevering industry, no less than for a prudent economy which is alike preferable to Yankee calculation and Hibernian extravagance. Toil and thrift are sister-virtues the *genii* of individual and national prosperity; these it is that have caused that gigantic development of commerce which fills English sea-ports with the world's merchandise, and makes every true-born Briton exclaim:

England, with all thy faults, I love thee still.

Let us not be accused of self praise, since we hold nothing in common with Englishmen but their language and monarchy, nor is it clear that our columns are the voice of the English community here resident. But, though our national instinct be at variance, we yield to none in frank admiration of genuine worth, and hail with sincere pleasure the inauguration of a society which bids fair to command the popularity that its own merits and our wishes forestall in its behalf. The idea, altho' new here, has already had complete success in Pernambuco and Bahia where the Institute's purse assumes the plethoric proportion of several thousands of pounds sterling. It is encouraging to add that the present promoter has borne a chief part in establishing this enterprise in the two abovementioned ports. As a preface to tonight's invitation we will observe that no sick-club or pension-list enters into the programme, which rather contemplates a saving fund created by shares and increased by periodical subscription. On these a Dividend will be declared at fixed intervals and a certain capital laid up for each member. Not the least of its advantages will be the fostering of a spirit of economy, the key of riches, so well described by a French writer as "an old maiden aunt who will one day leave us an inheritance." In proof of its popularity, the society counts already 160 shares taken up by our respectable mercantile clerks, and we are confident that all present at tonight's meeting shall have the gratification of seeing the enterprise fairly launched by a crowd of votaries.

While congratulating our English brethren on this "step in the right way" we trust it will not only prove a source of pride and profit to themselves, but also have an exemplary effect on the domestic habits of the natives.

State of Europe.

We have news up to the middle of last month, but all diplomatic talk was suffering stagnation. In the absence of annexations or conferences, the only food for greedy journalists was

an olla podrida of secondary ingredients. A terrific fire in London burned down warehouses and even shipping to a ruinous extent. Three millions sterling had been already consumed, and the energetic Braidwood, chief of firemen, fell a victim to his humane efforts. Over 20,000 people attended his funeral. The Prince of Wales has gone to Ireland, with the view of studying military routine at the Curragh camp. He was received in Dublin with great acclamation, as he has often expressed his sympathies for the native land of wit and valor; and all parties look forward to him as their future monarch, under whom Ireland may regain her ancient Parliament. We are happy to state that her gracious Majesty is much restored, and about to visit Ireland in this month, a hero her reception shall prove only second to that of the Prince in honest enthusiasm. Two calamities have occurred, happily without much loss of life. The Canadian steamship having struck an iceberg foundered at sea with over 200 souls on board, but the Galway packet succeeded in rescuing 189 of the crew and passengers. The train from London to Holyhead met with an accident, in which a few were killed, or injured; the communication on the line was stopped. The veteran lawyer Lord Campbell, who had risen from a news-paper reporter to be successively Lord Chancellor of Ireland and of England, died at his seat in Scotland. The builder's strike had died away, and the Great Eastern was chartered to convey troops to Canada. The Prince and Princess Frederick William had arrived in England on a visit to their Royal parents. The marriage of the Princess Alice was postponed. The workhouse reform still occupied a parliamentary committee, as also the Galway Packet line which has recently made the quickest passage on record, from land to land.

In France public attention was divided between the launch of two magnificent steel plated frigates called the "Solfierino" and "Magenta," and the Patterson marriage which the Court of Appeal has rejected. The bearer of the Roman petition begging the withdrawal of the French was not admitted in advance to Napoleon, yet it is certain H. J. Majesty has resolved on abandoning the Pope's temporal power, which must involve a new war with Austria. Baron Ricasoli made a brilliant speech on expelling the foreign power from Italy, but it is easier to say than to do it.

A band of fanatical republicans made an *emute* in Munich, crying "Long live the Republic, death to the Pope!" It is painful to see the name of Liberty attached with sacrilegious assassination, but common sense was speedily avenged by the Spanish authorities, and order now prevails.

The new Sultan who is a Mussulman Tory has continued the former Ministry in office; his neighbor King Otto intends leaving Greece, for some German Spa. The Empress of Austria is gone to Corfu in search of an improved constitution, a thing which the Ionians say is not to be found in their (so called) Republic.

The Portuguese Government has expelled the Sisters of Charity, as a proof of ministerial philanthropy! Perhaps they were suspected of conspiring against the State, but in any event the tyrannical grandees will scarcely fill their places.

Russia is still in ferment, for the Poles won't consent to turn Cossacks, and as it is asserted they have received encouragement from the Tuileries, we may see another campaign before the opening of the 2d Great Exhibition at London.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Baptism.—In our last impression the name of the Jewish convert was incorrect. He was Mr. Alberto Kahn, and received in baptism the name Pedro Maria Canille Reuver. Respecting General O'Brien we have learned from an officer who fought at Chacabuco that the history of that day has exaggerated our countryman's prowess, since he was then a simple Lieutenant, and could not therefore be justly styled "the hero of Chacabuco."

S. Fernando Railway.—We read in the "Commercial Times" that this line (by many supposed extinct) is to be soon set a going. We have seen dead frogs galvanised, no so seem revived, but are too much the friend of progress to augur that the lines should not go ahead.—Even "pulling" is legitimate in a steam company.

Earthquake.—Our Brazilian neighbors have felt a great shake in the vicinity of San Jose do Barreto. It is said that numbers lay in bed unable to sleep; this is ridiculous if they expected a catastrophe they should have got up, and if not, what disturbed their slumbers?

Lottery tickets.—A little sensation was got up by the "Tribuna" against Comissary Suarez for selling a number of tickets that had come from "the other side of Jordan." In our opinion the Municipality should permit the sharp-eyed police to wink occasionally at the introduction of the Montevideo tickets which so often bring us good prizes.

Legion "Voluntarios" &c.—This company goes thro' the drill very well, and promises a rather lively display on some future day. They are not all Italians; we know of two young Frenchmen, and one Irishman in the ranks.

5,000\$ reward.—This sum is offered to any one who will capture a certain Sr. Tuñon, who has run away with some money, it would seem. He is described as wearing a brown hat, but if he sees this notice it is possible he may speculate on a "wide-awake."

Highland Dance.—The sons of the "land o' cakes" should have enjoyed themselves to see their national dances represented in Colon by the Thierry Company. An Irish jig was also artistically executed. "Los Polvos de la Madre Celestina" is announced for next performance.

Milk.—This article of home manufacture is deteriorating, and looks shockingly bad. The Baesques call for more interference than the lottery-sellers. A police regulation should oblige them to sell the milk in one vessel and the water &c. in another, that we may mix for ourselves.

Shipwreck.—The American barque "Huntingdon" has gone to pieces on Punta Brava; cargo saved. The English frigate "Lord Hungerford" was met by the French ship "Samarang" in lat. 34, S. long 48 W; the former was already abandoned by the crew who were rescued from imminent peril, for she went down soon after.

Bolsa.—This company is making a happy exchange in the fine new edifice so preferable to its antecedent, but it will be difficult to read the sign-board unless they illuminate it.

Weather.—The weather, like the omens, is holding up, but we anticipate the one and the other will soon come down.

Just in time.—Our next number will be published on Tuesday in time for the English packet, which goes out same day.—Post closes at 11 o'clock.

Translator.

Notice.

A meeting of British clerks will be held at the British Library on Wednesday next 21st, Inst at seven o'Clock precisely to receive the report of the provisional Committee of the British clerks provident association and to proceed to the election of a permanent Committee with the view of formally establishing the society.

The attendance of all British clerks is earnestly requested.

SHIPPING LIST.

CLASS.	NAME.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	ARRIVAL.	FROM.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
English.							
barque	Bedeferre	168	Wright	June 8	Liverpool	Hose Brothers	New York
barque	Montezuma	253	Redford	June 10	Liverpool	G. G. Reynolds & Co.	New York
barque	John Bunyan	298	Watt	June 14	London	J. P. B. & Co.	Liverpool
barque	Francis Carroll	341	Grace	June 24	Liverpool	J. P. B. & Co.	Liverpool
barque	Edmond Poyron	429	Oso Combs	June 25	Liverpool	D. O. Thompson & Co.	Yapointe
barque	Summer of the Sea	224	Watts	June 27	Liverpool	Frederick	Liverpool
brig	Onia	352	Nation	July 11	Glasgow	R. B. Bailey	Weymouth
brig	Flying Dutch	284	Watts	July 19	London	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	George White	263	Halliday	July 19	London	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	John Arthur	349	Anderson	July 19	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	John Young	349	Anderson	July 19	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	Spargan	313	M. Cullerick	July 19	New York	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	Reform	310	Trevithick	July 21	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
brig	Leila	340	Watts	August 7	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
brig	Clara	440	Savage	August 7	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	City of Kandy	326	Cooley	August 14	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	The Queen	237	Waters	August 15	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	Winn	231	Waters	August 15	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
barque	Canton	204	Gordon	August 15	Liverpool	W. B. Bailey	Weymouth
Belgian.							
brig	Antwerp	223	Banning	July 5	Antwerp	Forster	Antwerp
brig	De Roijer			August 7	Antwerp	Forster	Antwerp
Brazilian.							
barque	Telegraph	373	Fuiva	June 30	Bahia	F. C. H. & Co.	Without destination
brig	Ides Amos	156	Sora	July 30	Paranaguá	O'Brien	Without destination
barque	Maria Rosa	100	Aranda	June 6	Paranaguá	O'Brien	Without destination
Danish.							
brig	Accus	284	Degeim	June 10	London	O'Brien & Co.	Antwerp
Spanish.							
brig	Capella	245	Sotia	June 10	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Esperanza	244	Robles	June 10	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Remedio	254	Aguiar	June 26	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Victoria	213	Quintero	July 23	Cádiz	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Polanco	180	Arto	July 23	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Nuestra	180	Arto	July 23	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Virgen del Carmen	183	Arto	August 5	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
brig	Fomento	173	Alena	August 10	Madrid	O'Brien	Without destination
French.							
barque	Belfin	558	Varela	June 24	Paris	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
barque	Charles	558	Charles	June 24	Paris	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
barque	Penard	557	Lhuze	July 17	Havre	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
barque	Marie	557	Lhuze	July 17	Havre	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
barque	Comandante	557	Baler	July 28	Paris	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
barque	St. Pierre	557	Touffier	August 5	Paris	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
barque	Baselin	557	Baselin	August 5	Paris	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
brig	Nouvelles Pallas	2	Duval	August 14	Bordeaux	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
brig	Couste	2	Arto	August 14	Bordeaux	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
brig	Reine	2	Arto	August 14	Bordeaux	J. B. Vignal	Without destination
Dutch.							
barque	Rita	100	Meyer	June 18	Hamburg	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	H. T. Viner	205	Vander Linden	June 21	Rotterdam	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	W. T. Viner	200	Vander Linden	June 21	Rotterdam	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Il. M. Elphinstone	319	Buier	June 10	London	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Spes Bont	320	Beckman	May 2	Hamburg	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Willelm Edward	181	Van Vliet	June 22	Rotterdam	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Com. Maia	124	Jon	June 22	Rotterdam	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	De Ynde	124	Jon	June 22	Rotterdam	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Ad. Van Ginhien	183	Jon	June 6	Antwerp	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Margaretha	114	Jorge	June 6	Antwerp	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Elisabeth	114	Jorge	June 11	Antwerp	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Christina Aquelina	—	—	July 31	Hamburg	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Hedie Wb. Hager	287	Nassap	August 13	Antwerp	R. G. & Co.	Antwerp
Hamburg.							
barque	Elbe	118	Goeth	May 6	Altona	J. Rick & Co.	Freige Ports
Mecklenburg.							
barque	A. von Frohlin	367	Von Frohlin	June 24	Bo drax	Frhr	Pavia Alge
barque	Wilhelmine	367	Von Frohlin	August 16	Hamburg	Frhr	Ust. Ang
Italian.							
barque	Defensor	573	Berevino	June 7	Gatleyaychd	Bernardo Delfino	Genoa
barque	Hilda	183	Maglione	June 8	Genoa	O. & P. & Co.	Genoa
barque	Annunzio	206	Marabasso	June 8	Genoa	O. & P. & Co.	Genoa
barque	Orazio	236	Caracci	March 15	Glasgow	R. H. & Co.	Genoa
barque	Giovanna	194	G. H. & Co.	June 7	Genoa	O. & P. & Co.	Genoa
barque	Giuseppe Mamelli	213	Giuseppe	June 7	Genoa	O. & P. & Co.	Genoa
barque	Maria Elena	232	Parodi	July 6	Genoa	O. & P. & Co.	Genoa
barque	Marina	298	Parodi	July 6	Genoa	O. & P. & Co.	Genoa
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